

Proclamation

The people of Japan have a proud history in Hawai`i and have greatly contributed to the rich diversity of our multi-ethnic community and the economic development of our islands.

In 1900, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, originally named the Shonin Doshikai, was created to aid victims of a disastrous fire in downtown Honolulu. It soon expanded its focus and began encouraging trade between Hawai`i and Japan.

Following the tragic events of WWII, the cities of Honolulu and Hiroshima were forever linked. In an effort to rise above the hardships of that time, they joined together to build bridges of peace and friendship. Our *Sister-City* relationship began in 1959, and the *Sister-State* relationship between the Hiroshima Prefecture and the State of Hawai`i followed in 1997.

On May 1, 1981, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed the Joint Declaration of a Sister Chamber Agreement. For the past 25 years, this mutual understanding has improved the relationship between Hiroshima and Honolulu by providing opportunities for conferences to discuss common issues and concerns; increased business promotion between our two countries; cultural exchanges; enhanced visitor relations; and, the exchange of chamber services.

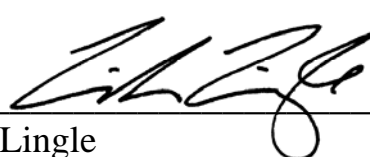
On November 6, 2006, we welcome the delegates from Japan, who have come to our island in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Sister-Chamber relationship between the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **November 6, 2006**, as

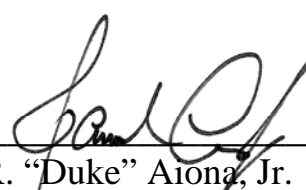
HIROSHIMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SISTER-CHAMBER RELATIONS DAY

in Hawai`i, and express our sincere gratitude to the members of these two organizations for promoting goodwill and friendship between our two cities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this thirty-first day of October 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i



James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i